



Are You Protected?

- ✓ Windows and doors secured
- ✓ Garage door secured
- ✓ Entrances illuminated
- ✓ Exterior areas of windows illuminated
- ✓ Alarm systems functioning
- ✓ Vehicle doors locked
- ✓ Valuables removed from vehicles at the end of the day
- ✓ Vehicles parked in illuminated area
- ✓ Alert neighbor, friend or relative
- ✓ Alert Neighborhood Watch Leader

Contact us today to help you start a neighborhood watch program in your area.



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Important Numbers You Should Know

24-Hour Emergency	911
Non Emergency	(847) 549-5200
Main Administrative Office	(847) 377-4000
Criminal Investigations	(847) 377-4250
Highway Patrol	(847) 377-7020
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Burglary and Theft Prevention

Protect Your Family
Protect Your Home
Protect Your Vehicle



Protection Guide



PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY, HOME AND VEHICLES

Anyone Can Be A Victim

Anyone can be a victim of a crime anytime or anywhere. A theft is one of the most common types of crime people experience and an expensive crime as well. However, most thefts are considered "crimes of opportunity", indicating they are preventable. Crimes of opportunity occur when offenders target locations and property believed to be easy to access and difficult to trace. Although thefts are frequent, they are also preventable if you choose to follow these basic rules:



The Rules

- ⇒ Never leave valuables visible or easily accessible. Bank safe deposit boxes serve as an option for items used infrequently, or as safe storage for valuables when families are on vacation.
- ⇒ Always maintain awareness of your surroundings. No one knows your neighborhood better than you and your neighbors. If a strange vehicle or individual is in your area, contact our office or your local police as soon as possible. Remember - providing detailed information such as the make, model and color of a vehicle or visual details about an individual is helpful.
- ⇒ Maintain an open dialogue with your neighbors. The observation skills of your neighbor may deter a theft to your vehicle or a burglary to your home.
- ⇒ Most burglaries to the home occur during the day when family members are in school or

working. If you can afford it, consider a home security system to deter potential offenders. Always be sure to lock the doors and windows of your home, garage, shed and vehicles when you leave your residence and at the end of your day.

- ⇒ Most vehicle thefts and burglaries occur in the overnight hours when families are sleeping. To minimize your risk, make sure to remove any valuables from your vehicle, close all windows and secure all doors.
- ⇒ Illuminate the exterior of your home to deter offenders. Offenders do not want to be seen and intentionally select evening hours to target vehicles and homes.

Following the rules in this pamphlet reduces risk of an incident. Please contact our office if you are interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch Program or to request a House Watch for your home or if you go on vacation.